RANDALL'S WELCOME.

NASHVILLE GREETS HIM GLADLY.

He Pays a Visit to Mrs. Polk-Nothing but Cordial Words for the Object of Watterson's Hatred.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30.-Congressmin Samuel J. Randall arrived here this morning accompanied by a committee of citizens from here who went to Louisville to escort the distinguished guest of the South. The spip was made in the coach of the Superintendent of the Nashville & Chattanooga road which was tendered for the occasion. A large crowd gathered at the depot to greet the visitor. General William H. Jackson, on behalf of the citizens, met Mr. Randall as he stepped from the train and gave him a hearty welcome in a few well chosen remarks. Mr. Randall in a few well chosen remarks. Mr. Randall replied briefly, expressing his sincere thanks for the cordiality of the reception, and in conclusion said, "I know but one country, and but one single fellowship." He was driven to the Maxwell House in a hack where he breakfasted. At 11 o'clock the visitor, under the escort of a number of prominent citizens, drove to the historic mansion of Mrs. James K. Polk, on Vine street. Here the visitors were extended an elegant reception and a hearty welcome. Mrs. Polk received her guests in the old state reception room, where she had done honors on scores of ocwhere she had done honors on scores of oc-casions of note in society. At 2 o'clock this

casions of note in society. At 2 o'clock this afternoon a public reception began at the Maxwell House, and numbers of citizens paid their respects to the statesman. The reception continued till 4 o'clock.

The party returned at 2 o'clock and rested until 3. A large number of citizens called on the distinguished visitor and gave him a warm welcome to Nashville and Tennessee. At 4 o'clock Randall and party, with a number of prominent citizens, drove out to the residence of Col. A. S. Colyar, where an elegant bunch was served, after which he returned to the hotel. At 7 o'clock the Grand Opera House was packed and jammed from Opera House was packed and jammed from

Opera House was packed and jammed from orchestra chairs to gallery by all classes of citizens, assembling to give Pennsylvania's statesman an old-fashioned Tennessee welcome. Among the audience were some of Nashville's fairest ladies, while the platform ornaments included a number of the city's most distinguished statesmen, politicians, professional and business men. Mr. Randall said he could sincerely and truthfully speak from a heart overflowing with gratitude for the constant and considerate kindness which he had received at every hand since coming among Tennesseans. This State, while not one of the thirteen originals, yet following closely upon the admission of Kentucky and Vermont in 1791, assumed in 1796, her relationship in the Union, has furnished to the country two of its greatest Presidents of the country two of its greatest Presidents of the many who have occupied the executive Gen. Jackson and Polk were given by Tennessee as Presidents of the United States for the benefit of the common country to honor in every particular.

A Wet Carnival.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30 .- In consequence of the ice jam in the river the water is rising and has already made its appearance in the cellars of stores in the lower streets of the city. In the stores of St. Peter, St. Paul loss. and Commissioners streets there are two feet of water.

The rapid thaw, now in progress for two days, will delay the building of the ice palace and the other accessories contemplated as attractions for carnival visitors. There is not much time left for necessary operations to be perfected.

Fire in Kentucky.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30,-Fire broke out last night about 11 o'clock, in B. Schoenfeld's dry goods store on Main street. The origin is unknown. Owing to the recent heavy rains and absence of wind the fire spread slowly, and in a few hours the whole block was destroyed, except an old glass building on the corner of Main and Bridge streets. The loss on buildings and stock amounts to \$112,000; insured for about

Chinese Pirates Killed.

Pants, Dec. 30 .- An official dispatch from Admiral Courbet, received here this afternoon, states that French men-of-war have for the past several days been fighting the Chinese pirates in Hong Hai bay, and that 300 of the latter were killed. Nothing official has yet been received of the reported sinking of a French transport by Chinese cruisers while she was conveying reinforcements between Singapore and Saigon.

Eastern Naturalists.

WARRINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The Society of Naturalists of Eastern United States, to-day cted the following officers: President, Grover K. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C.; Vice Presidents, Profs. H. Newell Martin, of Maryland, E. D. Cope, of Pennsylvania, and Harrison Allen of Pennsylvania; Secre-tary, Charles Sedgwick Minot, of Massa-chusetts; Treasurer, Charles A. Ashburner,

of Pennsylvania.

Members of Executive Committee, slected from society-at-large, R. Ramsay Wright, of Canada, and Prof. Samuel L Clarke, of

The convention adjourned to meet in Bos-

Only Two This Time.

Lansino, Mich., Dec. 29 .- The Governor has pardoned Henry Malliott, sent from Manistee County, Feb. 4, 1879, to state prison for fifteen years for rape. Also Mark A. Barker, sent from Bay County, June 23, 1883, to state prison for three years for burg-

Gone Over the Falls.

NIAGANA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 30,-A. man who tried to cross the river a mile above the ills yesterday lost control of the boat and as drawn over the falls. He is supposed to James Greenwood, of Chippewa, who is issing and who was in the habit of rowing rose the river.

Will Not Fight.

New Your. Dec. 30. - Alf. Greenfield lenies that he and John L. Sullivan are to spar in a theatrical entertainment in Brook-lyn for the benefit of a charity, as has been

Accident in Wales.

Lannon, Dec. 30,-Seven persons were illed and ten severely injured by a land-ip which occurred this morning in a quarry Carnarvon, Wales.

Borrow, Dec. 30.—John McCullough was shing his friends in theater row to-day, in parent good health.

THE HOLCOMB CASE.

Mrs. Holcomb's Statement Excluded -Dan's Daughter Sworn.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 30.-The afternoon proceedings of Monday in the Holcomb case were in the nature of efforts to belittle and break down the effects of C. D. Harrington's testimony. Several witnesses gave accounts of Harrington's dealings with them under pretense of buying farms, and repeated his observations on the Crouch murder. Some time was spent in argument by counsel as to the admissibility of Gilbert Wilson's testimony touching Holcomb's knowledge of Allen's getting the Crouch papers, and also on the admissibility of Mrs. Dan Holcomb's statement taken at the inquest. After fur ther argument this forenoon the court-ruled out Mrs. Holcomb's statement.

The defense then called William Smalley, The defense then called William Smalley, who swore he roomed with Joe Allen in this city on the night of the Crouch murder. Allen was out of the room at 1 o'clock.

The Court here ruled against the prosecution, on admitting new testimony.

Edith Holcomb, Dan's daughter, sixteen years old, sworn: Was at Kalamazoo school when the murder occurred. The most friendly

years old, sworn: Was at Kalamazoo school when the murder occurred. The most friendly feeling existed between the Holcomb and Crouch families. Judd and his father never had any trouble that witness knew of. Witness picked up the clothes for Ella Shannon to wash. There was no blood on anything. Never saw Dan have but the one pair of rubber boots, bought by Judd. Witness didn't look behind the chest where Elia Shannon said she found bloody clothing.

Capt. Byron L. Crouch sworn: I live at San Antonio, Texas. Got here the Wednesday following the burial of my people. Ordered Dan to pay Bolles what Mr. Crouch owed him. Looked over papers taken from the Crouch house by Dan. No land grants were among them, nor any deeds. They were all notes and mortgages. I started for here on Sunday. Got the news on Friday. Never received a telegram on the subject.

LABOR AND CAPITAL.

Facts of Interest from Various Sections of the Country.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 30,-The general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, says twenty-one of their collieries will not resume work Jan. 1, when the time for which they were suspended expires. This is in addition to the several that have not been producing this season. The stock of coal has not diminished during the restricted output, clearly showing a lack of demand. The closing of the colleries means the idleness of over 4,000 men. If the

allotment system is adopted by the combination the shut down will last indefinitely.

Woonsocker, B. I., Dec. 30.—The Southbridge (Mass.) print works, which last an experiment of the state of the stat shut down for eight months, will start up Jan. 15, giving employment to a large number of hands. FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 30.-The Massa

soit manufacturing company, which has been shut down for a fortnight, has started up on short time and reduced wages.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Ogilvie & Co., millers, have been forced to shut down their mills in Manitoba and stop manufacture. They state that Minneapolis millers are now selling flour in Canada at less than the price of Canadian wheat and they prefer to hold of Canadian wheat, and they prefer to hold on to their wheat instead of selling it at a

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Yesterday's Session of Their Association at Lansing.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.-This morning's meeting of the Association of Michigan Teachers opened at 9 o'clock with a greatly increased attendance. The new President, Z. E. Spencer, superintendent of schools at Battle Creek, read his inaugural address. after which papers and reports were read and discussed in the following order: "Industrial education," discussion opened by Prof. W. J. Beal, of the State Agricultural College, Lansing; report of the committee on school legislation, favoring a more on school legislation, favoring a more careful and thorough system of inspection and supervision, by David Howell, Superintendent of Lansing schools; discussion opened by the Hon. W. J. Baxter, of Lansing; addresses on "Some lessons from educational history," by Prof. Payne, of the State University, and on "Childhood and ethics" by the Rev. Reed Stuart, of Battle Creek

This evening at 7:30 o'clock a reception for the teachers was held by Gov. and Mrs. Begole in the executive parlors, and at 90'clock there were social, literary and musical exer-cises in Representative hall.

Business Failures.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30,-Etzle, Hutchinson & Co., dealers in toys and notions, have failed. Liabilities about \$100,000; assets \$57,000. The firm have confessed judgment in favor of the German Savings bank for

NEW YORK, Dec. 30,-Brooks & Dickson, theatrical managers, assigned to-day.

H. N. Stehr & Co., cloth merchants, have assigned. Liabilities \$113,000; assets \$122,-

Newton County Bank, Neosho, Missouri, ons assigned. Liabilities \$50,000; assets

A Railroad Smash-Up.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 30, - An extra freight train, while descending a grade at Bacon Hill, on the north-bound track of the Philadelphia, Arlington & Baltimore Railroad, broke in two this morning. The engineer stopped the main part of the train at Red Mill, but detached cars running wild behind crashed into the front part of the train. Six cars were smashed into kindling wood, and four tramps who were stealing a ride. They were brought to Baltimore City Hospital. Two will probably die.

Chandler's Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 33.-The Secretary of the Navy has sent the following telegram to all navy yards, which the circular sent out by mail yesterday did not reach in time: "Discharge all employes who have hitherto been paid under the six-months' appropriation act, except those required to prevent the destruction of property or loss of life, and any such must work without agreement for compensation." The order covers navy pay offices at the several principal cities.

What Watterson Says.

Bosros, Dec. 30.-A Louisville special says Watterson states that not half a dozen epresentative Democrats took part in the thern Democrats are Carlisle men on the

The Wires Work Badly.

Cureago, Dec. 30.—Telegraphic communi-ation east is badly handicapped by the

GEN. GRANT'S FINANCES

NOT IN SUCH A BAD CONDITION.

The Confession of Judgment a Defense Against Worse Creditor Than Vanderbilt.

New York, Dec. 30 .- Regarding the Grant subscription Cyrus W. Field said yesterday: into the papers, for there is nothing in it. Mr. Hoye, who has an office in this building, need assistance and I went up and saw Mr. Vanderbilt, who said his claim was for \$160,000. 'But,' he said, 'if you are getting ! Grant will have all the money he needs. The rich men of this country are fully aware that but for Gen. Grant their property would not be worth much, and they know that Gen. Grant had nothing to

against more clamorous creditors.

Geo. Jones, proprietor of the Times and custodian of the \$250,000 Grant fund, raised some years ago, says the late Gov. Morgan advised the investment of that fund in Wabash stock, and on his guaranteeing a return of \$15,000 per suppose for text years from turn of \$15,000 per annum for ten years from such investment, Mr. Jones so placed it. The Morgan estate has regularly paid the \$15,000 as guaranteed, and the agreement is that if the Wabash defaults payment on this stock the estate shall return the principal and interest of the fund intact. The fund is absolutely secure and nets Gen. Grant \$15,-

000 a year.

Mr. Elkins says there will undoubtedly be a fund raised and that Gen. Grant's friends here are waiting to hear from Gen. Sherman

before taking further steps. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—W. W. Corcoran, of this city, denies the published report of an interview in which he is made to say that Gen. Grant shall not want. He says he knows nothing about Gen. Grant's affairs.

A JURY'S VERDICT.

The Causes of the Deaths of the Girls at Detroit.

The Coroner's jury in the case of the victims of the Gray, Toynton & Fox fire at Desay! "That said fire originated in a quantity of 'excelsior' stored in the basement of said building, No. 26 East Woodbridge street. said 'excelsior' having been piled against a chimney out of the base of which the soot drawer had been left, allowing sparks to ignite with the 'excelsior,'" and 'that members of the firm of Gray, Toynton & Fox, did all in their power to notify their employes of the danger, exceping Mr. Andrews, who in the opinion of the jury should have notified the girls in Miss Belle Lynch's room of the fire at the time he notified the occupants of Miss Fisher's room." fied the occupants of Miss Fisher's room."
The jury further "recommend that all passages to and from rooms in manufacturing buildings occupied by a number of people should be kept clear, and all doors in a condition to be opened readily from either side without a key. Also that all combustibles kept in manufacturing buildings should be stored with great care and in places where fire will not be liable to communicate with them."

THE EXPLODED BANK.

The Liabilities of the Jackson Institution Angry Creditors.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 30 .- From one of the officials of the bursted Interest and Deposit Bank a Detroit News reporter learned late last night that the total liabilities of the concern were a little over \$51,000. To this must be added the personal liabilities of the two partners, which will not amount to much. The informant added that the whole would come nearer the above figures than anything higher. Two of the depositors visited the residence of one of the partners of the bank and declared they would stay on his premises till they got their money. The wife the partner only saw them, and after some discussion they withdrew, but still mutter vension they withdrew, but still mutter vensions. sion they withdrew, but still mutter ven-geance if things are not straightened soon. All the saloon-keepers of the Rotten Row had money in the bank. They don't soon forget. The assets will be announced in about two days.

ROCKFORD.

ROCKFORD, Dec. 30 .- The snow is all gone, the streets are muddy and nasty, and everything bears a gloomy, dismal look. Our mearchants, however, report a good trade for the holidays and are correspondingly happy.—The exercises at the M. E. church Christmas eve, were very nice and passed off smoothly. The church was well filled.—Christmas night there was a masquerade at the rink in which a large number took part and enjoyed themselves greatly. After the skating there was a dancing party, which kept up the fun until the wee small hours.

To-night the Rockford Dramatic Club presents the drama "Turn of the Tide" at the Opera House.—Rockford Lodge No. 246, and F. A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing term at their last regular meeting: G. C. McConnell, W. M.; E. M. Friant, S. W.; C. N. Cranson, J. W.; S. F. Rykert, Secy.; James Dockeray, Treas.; W. W. Wier, S. D.; J. W. Baker, J. D.; Geo. T. Saunders, Tyler.

Pardoned Because Innocent.

Supt. Joe Nicholson, of the House of Correction at Detroit, received a pardon on Monday from President Arthur for Elisha Givens, who was sent from Arizona a year Givens, who was sent from Arizona a year ago for a term of five years for stage-robbing. Executive elemency was rendered for the reason that it was shown that Givens was innocent of the crime and that the offense was committed by another man. As soon as funds for him, which the Superintendent has telegraphed for, arrive, he will be set at liberty and sent home.

Conkling at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 30.-Ex-Senator Conkling, in behalf of Thomas Edison, made an argument to-day before Patent Commissions er Butterworth in the telephone interference case of Drawbangh Bleake vs. Edison.

Twain and His Publishers.

Bosron, Dec .- Mark Twain has applied for an injunction to prevent Estes & Leurest from selling "Hockleberry Finn" at less than his price, \$2.75 volume.

POLICE AND FIRE.

The Usual Routine Business and Little Else Performed.

The Police and Fire Commissioners held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. President Powers and all of the Commissioners being present except Rose and Weston.

Supt. Perry, as usual, appeared before the Board and made a report of various affairs pertaining to his department. What he said cannot be told, as this report is made up from "I am sorry anything of this kind has got an indefinite outline of the proceedings made up by Secretary Reynolds of the Board. Marshall Lemoin appeared before the Board came and told me Gen. Grant was likely to upon the request of the Commissioners and explained the accident which befell Mrs. Matthews through her sleigh colliding with one of the Fire Department teams. The up a subscription to pay that, put me | Marshall reported that the men had been down for \$60,000.' Mr. Elkins was properly reprimanded and the affair amicahere to-day, and you can say that Gen. bly settled. The following accounts were approved: Hazeltine, Perkins & Co.; \$13.00; Same, \$7,00; M. A. True Printing Co., \$12.14; Widdicomb Furniture Co., \$78.00: Secretary's disbursements, \$149.48; Union

they know that Gen. Grant had nothing to do with any crookedness in connection with Grant & Ward, and they do not propose to hold him responsible for that. We don't propose to pour money into a sieve, and are not going to pay the debts of Grant & Ward, but whatever Gen. Grant needs he will have, and that's all there is to it."

The Herald this morning states positively that the confession of judgment in Mr. Vanderbilt's claim was made at Gen. Grant's suggestion and was a measure of defense against more clamorous creditors.

Secretary's disbursements, \$149.48; Union Broom Co., \$2.30; E. A. Munson, \$3.40; T. Kiniment, \$9.30.

The Secretary submitted the bill of expenses for witnesses fees in the Cogswell case. Supt. Perry asked for necessary supplies, and reported the condition of the street lamps for the week ending Dec. 29. Marshall Lemoin formally reported fires on Dec. 19-20-23 and 28, and W. C. Cunningham tendered his resignation as a member of the fire department. The Committee on Rules asked for further time to consider the revision of rules governing the departments.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Little Ferret" To-Night.

To-night, at Redmond's Opera House, dates Louise Sylvester's first appearance in this city as a star. She is sprightly, vivacious, full of vigor, and possessed of such other qualities as have placed her, by the critics of the darger cities, one of the best soubrettes in the country. She is supported by a first-class company, and her play, "Little Ferrett," gives her opportunity for seven character personations. She will repea "Little Ferret" to-morrow afternoon, and in the evening will present the laughable burlesque "Freaks."

Minnie Maddern.

This season will doubtless establish Minnie Maddern as one of the leading actresses troit have rendered a verdict in which they price," she has conquered popular favor everywhere. The piece gives her scope for the display of peculiar emotional power, which with a sparkle of humor, gives her acting a charming effect. With a good company and a good play there is no reason why she should not play to good houses at Powers's Friday and Saturday evenings.

Real Estate Transfers. Furnished daily from the office of W. R. Scribner, real estate dealer. Mary W. Colton to David Potter, lot 1 of Colton's sub, city Belle Colton to David Potter, lot 7 of Col-Belle Colton to David Potter, lot 7 of Colton's sub.
Jackson T. Heniman to Rodney A. Hastings, lot 3 and part lot 2, blk 1, Hinman's add, Sparta.
Betsey Hinman to Rodney A. Hastings, lot 1 (except s 4 r) blk 1, Hinman's add.
Delana J. Beckley to Alfred Giddings, lots 4, 5, 6 and 13, blk 3, Vill Sand Lake.
Alvin S. Watson to Engenia Watson, s e ¼ n w ¼ of sec 11, town Spencer.
George W. Sharer to Bryon L. Hill, s ½ n w ¼ of sec 3, town Courtland.
Frank U. Gorham to The Town of Cascade, pce out of n e cor lot 2, sec 16, Cascade.

A Decided Decline. MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—The Grand Trunk's gross traffic receipts this year decreased \$2,-

TRADE AND FINANCE.

OFFICE OF F. V. TAYLOR, Sweet's Hotel, GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 30, 1884. Yesterday's exports from New York, Philadelhis and Baltimore in wheat and flour foot up a total of 420,000 bu wheat. The visible supply of wheat decreased in the last week 396,000 bp. Chicago receipts for two days posted to-day, were 476 cars wheat, 510 cars corn, 98 cars oats, 34,000 hogs. The low point on wheat was 69%c on Dec. 15, and the high point to-day 76%c, an advance of 74c in fifteen days, and the end is not yet. Today's closing figures on wheat are 1c above yesterday, and all the other markets are firmer in

NEW YORK. Dec. 20.

FLOUR—Strong and a shade higher for some goods: superfine, \$2 45622 10; No. 2, \$2 8063 40; round boop Ohio, \$2 8565 10; Minnesota extra, \$2 8065 1; Southern flour in moderate demand and firm common to choose extra, \$3 1065 40.

Whear—Options were quite active to-day and prices while strong were leverish, the close was firm at a fractional advance. Spot lots firm and 14 to le higher. Spot sales of ungraded winter red at 706:86c; No. 2 red winter 8546:87c, and No. 2 red state at 87c; No. 2 red winter January, 84% 685 ac; do February, 86% 6874c.

Corn—Options only moderately active with prices very irregular; December was strong and the price advanced fully 18c under covering of shorts. From this extreme advance there was a NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

shorts. From this extreme advance there was a reaction of 5c. Other months closed steady and unchanged. Spot lots firm and \@\%c higher. Spot sales of ungraded mixed at 49253c, steamer mixed 51c, and No. 3, 50\%c; No. 2 mixed December, 75c; do January, 49249\%c, and do February, 15c; do January, 49249\%c, and do February.

ary, 474c.
Oars Options quiet but firm. Spot lots steady.
Spot sales of No. 2 white state at 254c; and No. 2
mixed do at 354c; No 2 mixed January, 3446;344;
de February, 344c.
Ryz Quiet; Western 356;52c; State 666;7c,
Barray Nominal.
Poss Quiet but firm; new mess, \$12.50.
Laro Firm but quiet; \$6.95 cash; \$6.91 January; \$6.966; 97 February.
Burras Steady, fair demand; Western, 96.32c;

NEW YORK, Dec. 80. Money closed easy at 15462 per cent. Exchange closed firm: posted rates, 4.81814.85; actual rates 4.80% @4.80% for 60 days, and 4.84%@4.84%

Governments closed strong; currency 6's 124 bid 6's compone 122% bid, 6%'s do 118% bed. Pacific milroud bonds closed as follows; Union firsts, 113% to 112%; do, land grants, 168 bilt; do sink-ing funds, 117 to 117%; Centrals, 162% to 118.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

BY A PERIPATETIC GENTLEMAN.

Court Room Loungers-The Law and Order League at Work-Filthy Streets Good Resolutions.

The Observer occasionally strolls into the police court, the justice courts and the higher courts, not to interest himself in the proceedings any further than to size up the criminals and the audience. Yesterday he happened into Justice Westfall's court, which on account of the crowd, had been adjourned temporarily to Judge Parrish's court. The room was packed with a singular, interesting crowd of people. Their appearance did not indicate wealth or refinement, and to judge from the week's growth of beard on their faces nine-tenths of the men did not have the price of a shave. All were apparently able-bodied men out of work. Here and there could be seen one who from a doggish expression of countenance indicated that his instincts were low and his only literature recitals of crime and debauchery. Most of them were ill clad, collarless and dirty. How so many people can idle away their time and look fat and well fed is a mystery which puzzled others in the room besides the Observer. A man, in a prominent position in this city, remarked, "I can't understand for the life of me how some of these fellows get along. My business brings me into the different courts every day, and I notice the same spectators especially if there is a criminal case on trial, and the smuttier the evidence the larger the attendance." I would venture to swear that there are 2,000 men out of employment in this city, who have scarcely done a day's work in six months." The Observer does not doubt this latter assertion, and believes the figures could be placed a little higher, for scarcely a day passes but his attention is called to the discharge of men from different concerns in the city. Verily, it is a hard winter, and the bottom of suffering and want in this city has by no means been reached yet.

To mention the filthy condition of the streets is to but remind the public of a general observation. In some places, particularly at the crossings, the muddy water is nearly a foot deep, and to preserve a patent in the country. With her new play, "Ca- leather polish on one's shoes is beyond consideration. As a consequence the gentler sex are obliged to remain in doors, thereby depriving the sidewalks, especially in the vicinity of the principal stores, of much gaity and life. To the one who strolls up and down the streets every day, of course on business, it removes the monotony of passing street cars, and the buildings, to have attention diverted to a pretty face. But that pleasure will be looked for only in memory until the rain ceases to fall, and the mud freezes up and the snow flies again.

The Law and Order League are doing something more than going through the formality of holding meetings. They have commenced doing business, and the violators of the laws are getting decidedly squanish. The agent of the League is at present engaged in furnishing the liquor dealers with copies of the law and ordinances regulating that traffic, at the same time keeping his eye open for violations of the same. Many of the dealers in this city sell liquor to minors. This is a crime, and no man with any taint of manhood in him, will consent to do it. There are plenty of men in this city over twenty-one years of age willing to sustain the liquor traffic without reaching out for the patronage of boys, and the Peripatetic hopes Mr. Thornton will be especially vigorous in the prosecution of this offense,

To-morrow will dawn the beginning of a new year. With it comes the resolve to swear-not to use profane language-but swear to do or not to do some particular thing. And in this swear is included tobacco, whiskey and various other failings flesh is heir to. Some will swear to get married others will not. But after that swear to abstain from evil and start out with the hopes of becoming saintly good comes that fearful after-thought to break. Aye here's the rub, yet it is all a great struggle between will and habit. The man with strong will swears off with himself, while the person who grasps hand with a friend and in the grasp they mutually agree under penalty of a forfeit not to smoke or drink any more. the chances are that they will catch each other at it in less than a month, while the man who swears by himself usually keeps his resolution. The Peripatetic will resolve to be more frisky and keener than ever, and to keep his readers posted as to the minutest detail of the inside workings of the city. He has noticed abuses and short-comings here and there, which he will fully give vent to as the development of time will justify.

YESTERDAY'S COURTS.

CIRCUIT.—David T. Chadwick v. George V. Chadwick, chancery. On trial. OFFICE BUSINESS.—The Grand Rapids Fire Insurance Company v. Rier N. Goodsell. oreclosure bill filed.

Foreclosure bill filed.

PRODATE.—Estate of Isaac Leonard, deceased. Executor's final account filed and allowed.—Estate of Adelaide D. Beckwith, minor. Guardians first account filed.—Estate of Isaac Detweller, insane. Guardian's first account filed.

Police.—Joseph Orton, larceny less than \$25; adjourned to Dec. 31 at 9 a. m.—Henry Lutter, bastardy; adjourned to Jan. 2 at 9

SUPERIOR.—The People v. Wm. Murph Robbery. Ten days time from Jan. 1, 188 to settle bills of exception.—In the matt of the opening and widening of First stre-Appearance of the several respondents we

Justice Saundens.—Win. M. Ryder Fredk J. Hlymer. Assumpsit. Case settle — Veit Rathman v. John Bloss. Assum sit. Adjourned to Jan. 5.—Fredh Wurzburg v. Julius Vogel. Assumpsit. Jul-ment for plaintiff \$6.50. Justice Bustwan.—Loren H. Marsh Jacob D. Wells. Troopen. Adjourned

A THUNDERBOLT

IN THE DRY GOODS CAMP.

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" 5 00, " 3 00,
" 6 00, " 3 50,
" 7 00, " 4 00,
" 8 00, " 4 50,
" 9 00, " 5 00.
" 10 00, " 6 60,
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